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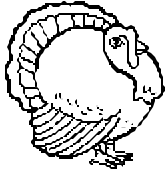
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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The trade sentiment on whole body hens and toms was barely steady to weak. No reported sales. Demand and trading inactive. Supplies more than sufficient for the limited demand. Bulk parts and meats demand seasonally slow. Production schedules are holiday reduced this week and next week.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand and trading inactive. No export trading reported. Offerings are mixed but generally available.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **DECEMBER 27, 2002**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	63-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	58-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	57-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **DECEMBER 26, 2002**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	63-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	58-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	57-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF DEC 27, 2002

	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	64.00 **	66.60 **	64.50 **
CENTRAL REGION	64.63	66.30 **	63.67 **
WESTERN REGION	63.50 **	66.00 **	64.83 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	59.50 **	58.50	58.67 **
CENTRAL REGION	57.00	57.00	58.17 **
WESTERN REGION	58.50	60.00 **	59.50 **

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	107
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	107
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	71-73
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	64-66
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	66-73

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	119-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	119-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	105-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	105-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	105-129

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION
CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 30-DEC-2002

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)	
	HENS	LBS TOMS	LBS
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	78.33	6	70.50
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	78.33	6	70.50
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)			
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)			

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

NOVEMBER 460,410*
DECEMBER 1-21, 2002 443,180*

To date 2002 5,268,484*
To date 2001 5,146,379*

*PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 21-Dec-2002
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

		<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>		<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
		PCT	AVG	OLD	AVG
		CHG	LIVE	BANDED	LIVE
-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT	
N EAST	786	-3	23.20	(A)	786
SATL	869	-5	33.87	(A)	869
N CENT	2,136	-4	32.17	(A)	2,137
S CENT	430	2	21.85	(A)	430
WEST	547	-1	22.45	(A)	547
U.S. TOTAL	4,768(B)	-3	28.96	1	4,769
TO-DATE					
2002	239,081(B)			661	239,742
TO-DATE					
2001	246,574(B)			582	247,156

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 38,000; for the year 2,720,000; last year to date 2,344,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 21-Dec-2002

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>				
HEAD	1,827	2,903	38	1	4,769
AVG WT	15.21	37.65	26.87	28.23	28.96
LAST WEEK	2,089	2,780	51	20	4,940
SAME WK YR AGO	1,857	2,819	54	12	4,742
AVG WT	17.01	34.52	24.74	31.08	27.54
TO-DATE/2002	95,103	141,258	2,720	661	239,742
TO-DATE/2001	103,254	140,976	2,344	582	247,156

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 26 DECEMBER 2002.

The domestic market continued seasonally slow on bulk parts and meat items with only limited inquiry and a steady at best undertone. Export demand and trading was very light as many in the industry taking extended days off. All activity seasonally slow with most buyers and sellers taking a wait and see attitude toward the domestic and export market. Tom necks traded at 13.00 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		M	93.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		M	154.00	1
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	85.46	1,120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	20.00		20.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	20.00	36
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	19.00		19.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	22.00		22.00	30
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	20.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	23.00		23.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	54.00		54.00	20
NECKS, TOM	15.00		15.00	12
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	123.00	12
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		F	140.23	130
THIGH MEAT		M	53.00	20
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		M	57.37	63
BREAST TRIM MEAT	84.00		84.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT	72.00		72.00	20
TENDERLOINS		M	95.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	103.00	2
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	129.00	2
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	44.00	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	15.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/				
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	19.57	212
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	18.00		18.00	162
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	18.00	104
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	16.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	60.52	248

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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The market remains seasonally slow on bulk parts and meat items. Inquiry limited with a steady at best undertone. Export demand and trading was very light. Work schedules less than full time and continues through the New Year holiday. All activity seasonal. Correction for 12-26-02 Breast trim should read 84 cents.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		M	93.00	80	93.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		M	154.00	1	154.00	1
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	85.46	1,120	85.46	1,120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	20.00		20.00	42	20.00	69
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	20.00	36		
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	19.00		19.00	20	19.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	22.00	30	21.73	66
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	21.00-54.00		38.37	38	38.37	38
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	23.00	20	23.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	54.00	20	54.00	40
NECKS, TOM		R	15.00	12	15.00	58
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	123.00	12	123.00	12
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	140.00		140.00	16	140.00	16
THIGH MEAT		M	53.00	20	53.00	20
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	54.00		54.00	30	56.28	93
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	84.00	80	84.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT	69.00		69.00	40	70.00	60
TENDERLOINS		M	95.00	40	95.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	103.00	2		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	123.00		123.00	14	123.00	14
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	48.00		48.00	20	44.44	180
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	15.00	40		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00		16.00	40	16.00	40
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	19.57	212	19.19	628
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	18.00	162	18.00	162
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	18.00	104	18.00	104
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	16.00	40		
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	60.52	248	59.47	288

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